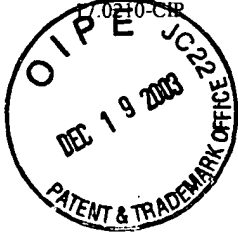


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Sir:

In response to the office action of September 9, 2003, please amend the above-identified application as follows:

Amendments to the Claims are reflected in the listing of claims, which begins on **page 2** of this paper.

Amendments to the Drawings begin on **page 11** of this paper and include an attached set of replacement sheets.

Remarks/Arguments begin on **page 12** of this paper.

An Appendix including the set of formal drawings with Fig. 1-14 is attached following page 12 of this paper.